

igo PSYCHOLOGICAL DATA : RECORDS

(3:9) Her mother had once about a month ago asked U. whether she would like a little brother or sister. She had answered, " Both, a brother *and* a sister." Her mother had said, " I don't think I can promise you both. It would have to be one or the other/' She generally said she would prefer a girl but on one occasion said (after her mother had told her she thought she could only make one at a time), "Well, you can make the brother and /'// make the sister/' Her mother asked how she'd do it. She said, " Like you do! I'd plant a seed/' Her mother said that little children couldn't do that. She said, " I mean when I'm big." She has often since talked familiarly of this future " brother-or-sister ".

(3J9) U. was with her mother while she was bathing. Her mother said, [7., *do you know what's in here ?* " No, what ? " *Your little brother or sister.* She went very red and said in a weepy voice, " *Why, Mummy ? I don't want one while I'm little. I don't want one till I'm big.*" This was repeated several times. Then followed various questions and comments : " Why do you have it there ? " *To keep it warm till it's ready to come out.* When will it come out ? Tomorrow ? *No, not for a long time, not till the summer.* Why not ? *It's not strong enough or big enough yet.* How big is it ? *So big, I should think.* Where will it come out ? There. How will it get out ? *When it's big enough and strong enough it'll push and I'll help it until it gets out.* How will you push ? *Like this.* How did you make it ? Did Daddy plant a seed ? *Yes.* When did he ? Last night ? *No, not then.* When we were on our holiday ? *Perhaps.* Was I there ? *No, I don't think so.* Was I asleep ? *Perhaps.* Why did you make it ? *Because I thought you would like a brother or sister to play with.* I like sisters best. How will you feed it ? There ? *Yes.* You could make a brother and a sister. *Could I ?* One could feed that side and one could feed that side. Only they mustn't do a-a. *On me, do you mean ?* In your lap. /

expect *they*
will sometimes. They won't know when they're
tiny. We'll
have to teach them.

" Mummy, what does my brother or sister do
when ^{you} do
a-a ? " *Oh, it's all right. It's quite comfy. It just*
stay&there.

How big is it now ? So big—or so big ? Let me
feel. ^I think
it's a little bigger, about so big I should think,

(319) U. (monologue): "Hullo, my precious, my
darling.

Don't cry. Mummy's coming soon/' (To M.): "
That's

what I'll say to my brother or sister, won't I,
Mummy ? "

" Hullo, my precious ! " U. addresses her
mother's ^{person}
and says, " Let me feel " and does so, and then
says with great